

wouldn't come  
they were off in this log cabin 8 miles from town  
my dad was out getting drunk  
grandmother was helping  
the strain became so great she had a heart attack  
and lay on one bed  
gasping for breath  
while grandfather struggled with his instruments  
for the baby on the other  
somehow I've always had to smile  
when I think of this picture  
rather the ultimate in human nightmare

-- Geraldine King

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#### MY FIRST ADMIRER

who had read my poetry  
came after midnight  
already too drunk to walk  
my lover had invited him over  
as he was running out of booze  
I joined them pouring  
whiskey in my beer

after much talk  
it came out that my admirer  
had actually come to admire  
my lover instead of me  
but my lover was already angry  
and had left the room  
because I had taken my admirer's hand  
to look at his palm lines

and since my admirer  
had fallen on his face  
a few times and I  
was beginning not to  
admire him much  
I said, "Look man, if you  
love my lover and not me  
why don't you leave?  
This is my house,  
you can't do anything here"

my lover hearing he was  
loved came out to protect  
my admirer from my disgust

at him not knowing  
if he liked women or men  
and in my state of drunkenness  
I failed to admire  
my lover as well  
saying, "Have him why don't you?"  
and with help from me  
they fell into each others  
arms on the porch  
too drunk to stand and  
I locked the doors

I feel good

I feel GOOD  
I feel good  
good, good, good  
good, good  
when I feel good  
I don't think  
anyone feels  
as good as I do  
and it's hard  
to tell you  
just how good  
I feel  
because it's  
just too damn  
good to tell

ooooooooohhhh  
I just feel  
good all inside  
and it's buzz'en  
around in there  
like bees  
buzzzzzzzzzzzz  
buzzzzzzzzzzzz  
I'm happy and  
that's stupid  
feeling so happy  
and buzzy and  
good ... wow

buzzzzzzzzzz  
caaawwwwwww  
flapp'en my wings  
jump'en up and down  
and you ain't even  
going to like  
this poem  
it's just TOO GOOD